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**MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS**

(C) Sat., Feb. 15 4:30 p.m. Mass, Margaret Penfold

(L) Sun., Feb. 16 8:30 a.m. Mass, Walter Green

(C) Sun., Feb 16 10:30 a.m. Mass, Members of our

Parish

(C) Tues., Feb. 18 No Mass

(L) Wed., Feb. 19 No Mass

(C)Thurs., Feb. 20 No Mass

(L) Fri., Feb. 21 No Mass

(C) Sat., Feb. 22 4:30 p.m. Mass, John T. Hogan

(L) Sun., Feb. 23 8:30 a.m. Mass, Mary Rychnovsky

(C) Sun., Feb 23 10:30 a.m. Mass, All Souls in

Purgatory

**Confession heard before all weekend masses**(C=Corning; L=Lenox)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Corning Tithes: February 8 & 9, 2020 $1002.00

**AFFAIR OF THE HEART**

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the new covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see [Jeremiah 31:31–34](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=9ce9ff18dc&e=892e4e65e7)). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see [Matthew 6:21](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=71a3b0b3ed&e=892e4e65e7); [15:18–20](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=e3ba07895a&e=892e4e65e7)).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see [Romans 6:17](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=230fe0e453&e=892e4e65e7)). He calls us to love God with all our hearts, and to do His will from the heart (see [Matthew 22:37](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=2674aac390&e=892e4e65e7); [Ephesians 6:6](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=d4c2f332ce&e=892e4e65e7)).

God never asks more of us than we are capable of. That is the message of this week’s First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit that His law might be fulfilled in us ([Romans 8:4](https://stpaulcenter.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=2105b9ae357c6e5425a6abcf9&id=3ea8a48b45&e=892e4e65e7)).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God’s plan from before all ages.

Let us trust in this wisdom, and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week’s Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel, and to seek the Father with all our heart.

**PROGRESS IN TIME OF DESOLATION**

**CHRIST: MY CHILD**, progress in the spiritual life does not consist in having a great deal of interior joy and consolation. It consists in being humble, patient, and free from self-pity when things go wrong. Faithfully go on with your affairs, and do not become careless in your prayers and good works when you no longer find pleasure in them. Continue doing your best in your daily duties in spite of any disinterest, anxiety, or even disgust.

2. Some people grow impatient and careless in serving Me when things do not go as they desire. It is not always in a man's power to choose what he wants in his earthly life. In spite of all your plans and precautions, you cannot avoid all disappointments. Even the mistakes and sins of others, which make your life harder, are permitted for a good reason.

3. I have a plan for you, by which you may become truly great. I send you what is best for you. If you follow My Will, you will have My peace on earth and My joy in Heaven. If you rebel, you will hurt yourself and probably some of the people in your life. I owe you nothing. You owe Me absolutely everything. Whether you receive much or little, you are always in debt to Me for all things.

**THINK:** Many people judge their closeness to God by their feelings. If they feel devout, they believe they are pleasing Him, and if they feel dejected and gloomy, they think that He has abandoned them. These standards are false and deceitful. I may be proving my best love for God when I least feel like pleasing Him. As long as I fulfill what He expects of me, I do love Him, no matter how I feel. Jesus Himself said- “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.” There is the test of true goodness and holiness. As long as I am following His holy Will, I am following God's wonderful plan for my salvation and the salvation of those with whom I deal. At times feelings may help me to serve God with more enthusiasm, but it is my will that really shows how much I am worth in His eyes. In time of desolation, I should cling to my resolutions and go on with my religious practices as I did when I enjoyed doing these things. That is the way of intelligent love, the way in which God wants to be loved.

**PRAY:** Dear Lord, make me the kind of follower You desire me to be-an intelligent follower. No feelings nor moods should determine how I am to serve You this day, I ought to do my best to see Your Holy Will and follow it, without letting my feelings rule my intelligence or control my will. No matter how I may feel about what I must suffer, I know this: You are always watching over me, always helping me walk toward Heaven. Even the evil which You permit in my life, has its higher purpose. You will someday be praised for many things which men now question. With eyes fixed on You, let me go on fulfilling Your holy Will each day. You are my true and perfect joy, my eternal Glory, my never-fading Crown. Amen.

# Birthdays

# February 9 - February 16

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**2020 IOWA CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**

Keynote Speaker: Matt Campbell-ISU Football Coach

Saturday, February 22 at The Embassy Suites in downtown Des Moines

Mass at 7:30 a.m. with Bishop Joensen

Conference times: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Contact Jane or Kathy for more information

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES**

5:30p.m. – Lenox

7:00 p.m. – Corning

**PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING**

Meeting Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

***KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS***

**FISH FRY DATES**

Friday, February 28 at 5:30-7:00 Free will offering

Friday, March 13

***THANK YOU***

The family of Mary Lou Cooley-Hechmer would like to thank the Altar Society for helping with food donations at the funeral service for Mary Lou. Also thanks to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

***READINGS FOR THE WEEK of February 16, 2020***

Feb 16 SUN:Sir 15: 15-20/ Ps 119: 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34

(1b)/ 1 Cor 2: 6-10/ Mt 5: 17-37

Feb 17 Mon: Jas 1: 1-11/ Ps 119: 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76/

Mk 8: 11-13  
Feb 18 Tue: Jas 1: 12-18/ Ps 94: 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19/

Mk 8: 14-21  
Feb 19 Wed: Jas 1: 19-27/ Ps 15: 2-3a. 3bc-4ab. 5/

Mk 8: 22-26  
Feb 20 Thu: Jas 2: 1-9/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mk 8: 27-33  
Feb 21 Fri: Jas 2: 14-24. 26/ Ps 112: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/

Mk 8: 34 – 9: 1  
Feb 22 Sat: 1 Pt 5: 1-4/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 4. 5. 6/ Mt 16: 13-19  
Feb 23 SUN: Lv 19: 1-2. 17-18/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8. 10.

12-13 (8a)/ 1 Cor 3: 16-23/ Mt 5: 38-48

# Birthdays

# February 16 - February 23

February 17 Eric Amdor

February 20 Marj Reynolds

February 21 Connie Larson

February 23 Sheila Ramsey